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Read "Things to be Remembered."

PROCEEDINGS.

Our Fifth Annual was a meeting of unusual profit and blessing. For the first time we met on northern soil and clasped hands with our co-workers there "whom not having seen we loved." Their cordial welcome and Christian hospitality made every moment of our stay a delight, and its precious memories will long abide.

The attendance from the outset was good, the weather favorable, the people of San Jose unremitting in their thought of us, and the meeting grew in interest to its close.

Bishop Goodsell, Dr. Abel Stevens, Dr. Case, Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, Mrs. Warner (a missionary from Africa), Miss Lillian Marks (our accepted missionary), and a large number of resident pastors were present to give us greeting and Godspeed.

The reports showed that faithful work, abundantly blessed of God, had wrought great gain over last year. Not least among the workers was our dear Mrs. Nind, whose stay among us was so blessed to the work and workers.

Mrs. Stalker being in the east and no vice-president present, Mrs. Augustus S. Pilkington, corresponding secretary of Los Angeles district, presided.

The meeting was opened by a consecration service led by Mrs. Phoebe Searle of San Jose, secretary of California Conference.

The roll call showed twenty-two auxiliary societies represented and sixteen members of Branch Executive Committee present.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—Mesdames Willis, Churchill and Campbell.

Constitution and By-Laws—Mesdames Kummer, Woodcock and Hackley.

Blanks—Mesdames O'Neal, Tomlin and McPhail.

Finance—Mesdames Bennett and Sawyer.

Periodicals of W. F. M. S.—Mesdames O'Neal, Welch and Smith.

Courtesies—Mesdames S. B. Searle and H. S. Cantine.

R. R. Secretary—Mrs. H. S. Cantine.

Enrollment—Mesdames Mary E. Harrold, Sarah Searle and Emma S. Allen.

Mrs. D. M. Welch was appointed to take charge of photographs in Miss Davis' absence.

Dr. R. S. Cantine, pastor of the First M. E. Church, was introduced, made us welcome, spoke of his interest in our work from its beginning, and convinced us of it by being present at every session, to our great pleasure and profit.

Mrs. Warner, late missionary to Africa, was introduced, and gave us many interesting facts concerning our work in Liberia. Brother and Sister Warner were sent out by the First M. E. Church, Los Angeles; were supported by Leslie F. Gay, and are now at home to recuperate and recover their health.

Mrs. O'Neal presented the claims of the *Pacific Branch Quarterly*, the first issue of which appeared in July last and secured about 200 subscribers.

After announcements and an invitation to lunch in the church parlors, we were dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Cantine.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened at 1:30 with singing, and prayer by Dr. Anthony of Chester Street Church, Oakland. Minutes of morning session read and approved. Enrollment and seating of new arrivals was followed by a few words from Dr. Thompson of the A. B. Society, and the presentation of a number of visiting ministers and friends. Dr. Cantine presented to the Branch, for Sister A. J. Bell, the donor, in the name of the San Jose Auxiliary, a fine oil painting, a view of Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, valued at $300. Sister Bell's gift was received with applause, and a rising vote of thanks, and was afterward sold to Mrs. D. M. Welch of University, Cal., for the sum of $300.

Mrs. D. C. Cook, Branch Treasurer, gave her report for the year, showing that while one year ago we had in great fear and trembling voted to put our appropriation for this year at $4,000, an advance of $1,000 over the previous year's appropriation, we have received more than $4,700 in the midst of the hard times. In closing her report Mrs. Cook very pertinently suggested to auxiliary treasurers that they send all moneys they wish to be *credited* with, to the Branch Treasurer and not to anyone else, using for that purpose the report blanks which the district secretaries furnish each auxiliary, and to send the fourth quarter's remittance by the 15th of September. Mrs. Cook's remarks called out many valuable points. The question as to the embarrassment arising from the conferences meeting before the 30th of September (the end of our fiscal year) was considered. It was decided to advise auxiliaries in those conferences to get their money for fourth quarter all collected and sent on before conference, and that a blank certificate be furnished by the Branch, to be used by the pastor as a voucher for the amount raised in the W. F. M. S. of his church, for the conference year.

On motion Heliotrope Ribbon was chosen as our Branch badge.

The secretary furnished ribbon and impromptu badges were made by a good Baptist sister, Mrs. Fife of San Jose, who was spending the day with us. Miss Mabel Davidson and Miss Lizzie Morgan of the Oakland band distributed them to members of the Branch.

The Branch Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Crow, gave a very encouraging report of the year, both at home and abroad, showing a corresponding increase of orphans, scholars and workers abroad as the interest grows at home. Mention was made of the growing number of our members on the other shore and of our loss by their translation.

The resolution with reference to Miss Jessie Ackerman's work for India orphans was read and approved, and a good report given of her work in our Branch. Mrs. Crow reported

the committee on Appropriations, and it was moved to make our appropriation for the coming year $5,000.

Mrs. Kummer of Oakland spoke very hopefully of the outlook for the coming year, and very happily of their success and the ease with which they had accomplished it; believed they would do better in Oakland another year. Mrs. Willis of Napa district has great faith in the California Conference, and in her district for better work and larger results next year.

Mrs. Hackley of Berkeley spoke favorably, also Mrs. Cantine and Mrs. Woodcock. Mrs. Spencer favored $6,000 appropriation. On motion further discussion was deferred until Thursday morning.

Mrs. Crow reported the committee on Missionary Candidates. Five young ladies had applied for work in foreign fields, i. e.: Miss Lillian Marks of San Francisco, who is accepted and awaiting her appointment; Miss Lay of Santa Ana, who will require four years' preparation; Miss Russell of Riverside, Miss Alberta Shamplain of Los Angeles, and Miss Mattie Russell of Napa.

Medical Education Committee not being present, Mrs. Crow reported. Our Medical Missionary, Miss Taft of Los Angeles, is now in New York city taking a course in hospital service at her own expense. We are looking forward with great hope to the time when fully equipped she will be at work.

Photographs—read by secretary in Miss Davis' absence. Accepted.

Department of supplies reported by Mrs. Caswell and accepted.

A growing interest is manifested by the demand for missionary literature. Mrs. Caswell is building up a valuable department and making it very helpful to the work.

By request of Mrs. P. B. Searle her report was deferred until after the reading of Mrs. Kummer's paper on the "Master's Call," lest any should be obliged to leave.

We listened with rejoicing to the loving call, and the

gracious privilege of heeding it, and would that every women in our land might prove with us the joy of this service.

Mrs. Searle, secretary of the California Conference, read a very interesting report, which was accepted.

Announcements and the collection preceded the closing, with benediction from Brother E. W. Caswell.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Dr. Cantine announced the opening hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and Dr. O. Wilkie led in prayer.

Mrs. Dr. Cantine was introduced, and extended to the Branch with graceful cordiality her sincere welcome in the name of the city and church of San Jose.

Mrs. Dr. Campbell of Los Angeles responded in a bright happy vein for the Branch. Fraternal greetings were tendered by the First Presbyterian, Baptist, South Methodist and Woman's Christian Temperance Union Societies, to which Mrs. Churchill of San Jose ably responded.

Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell was introduced, and spoke briefly, but with enthusiasm of our work and his interest in it, and its administration, and ultimate success already foreshadowed.

Dr. Cantine took the collection in his own inimitable way, and we adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Goodsell.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9:45. Mrs. Willis led the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The deferred report of Mrs. Woodcock, secretary of Southern California Conference, was the order of the day, and showed great growth and advancement. Accepted.

On motion the remainder of the morning program except election of officers was postponed. We then proceeded to elect officers.

Roll call showed 44 voters present. On motion Mrs. Wilcoxof Los Angeles and Mrs. Herrold of San Jose were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows: (See page 2.)

Mrs. Holmes' report of Mite Box Committee was read, and in connection with it, her resignation. Both were accepted, the latter with regret.

Mrs. Sawyer of San Jose sang a solo. Mrs. Sawyer's faithful work added a constant interest to all the sessions. She and her accompanist deserve special mention.

Mrs. O'Neal offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on resolution:

WHEREAS, We believe it will advance the work to change the Loyal Legion dues from $5 a year to a penny a day,

Therefore be it Resolved, That we make the change by a vote of this meeting. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL.

Mrs. Crow spoke of the work of this, her first year as corresponding secretary, and of the invaluable aid of Mrs. O'Neal, who so thoroughly understands the work and has so cheerfully borne its burdens and stood by her all through its varying experiences.

Adjourned with benediction by Dr. Cantine.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Churchill of San Jose led devotional exercises.

Minutes of previous session read and approved; proceeded to complete the election of officers.

The question of appropriation being called, the secretary read the motion, that we make our appropriation $5,000; and it was carried unanimously.

Mabel Davidson, the daughter of one of our Japanese missionaries, exhibited her Japanese curios, told very interestingly about the bread and meat gods. Also showed the bowl from which her father baptized his first convert to Christianity—a Buddhist priest in Japan.

By request Miss Lillian Marks was introduced to the meeting, and Mrs. O'Neal explained that while we had been supporting Miss Hattie Kemper for our missionary, the ladies of the DesMoines Branch were glad to assume her support, and give us opportunity to send Miss Marks as our very own missionary.

Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, the "Round the World" temperance evangelist, was introduced and spoke very earnestly of the things she had seen and known of the desperate needs, and the limited opportunity of the handful of workers to teach the millions of heathens about our Christ and His salvation.

A letter from our "shut in" missionary, Mrs. Flora Best Harris, from the Sanitarium at Helena, asking that a missionary be sent to the Japanese women on the Hawaiian Islands, was received with approval, and the secretary was ordered to memorialize the General Executive Committee at St. Paul, Minn., to grant this request.

Mrs. O'Neal called attention to a letter from Brother Lum Foon who went from the San Francisco Mission, whose wife and child died shortly after he reached China to labor as a missionary, asking that our Branch send a missionary to open a girls' school in the Cantonese district, where he lives. His own little daughter is in a Presbyterian school, and he believes a Methodist school would be well sustained. Moved that we memorialize the General Executive Committee to grant this request.

Mrs. D. M. Welch of Los Angeles read a very interesting and instructive paper on Mission Work in the New Hebrides Islands. A graphic portrayal of thrilling experiences and wonderful success through faith in God.

Mrs. Bowers of Berkeley sang "That Sweet Story You Told Me."

Mrs. Campbell read the report of Mrs. E. C. Seymour, secretary of Young Woman's Work. Accepted.

Mrs. Umsted's report of Juvenile Work was read by the secretary. Accepted.

Announcements.

Adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING.

"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," led by the choir, was followed by prayer by Dr. Milnes of San Jose.

The anthem "How Lovely in Zion" was rendered by the choir.

Dr. Case of San Francisco made an able address, at the close of which Dr. Contine asked for $40 to support a Bible woman in India. Before he took his collection, however, Mrs. O'Neal told us she had a quilt, pieced by the Florence Band, of forty-two blocks outlined in red cotton, that she thought was worth fifty cents each, and when all the block were bought it was to be given to Sister P. B. Searle. This was quickly accomplished, and Mrs. Searle made the happy recipient.

Miss Marks was formally introduced to the Branch by Mrs. Searle, who was her first class leader and has known her from her childhood.

Miss Marks spoke sweetly of her aim and desire to enter the mission work, and her personal experience.

Miss Mabel Davidson, in Japanese costume, sang "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," in the Japanese language.

After announcements and collection Mrs. Kirkpatrick sang with good effect, "Must I Always Toil and Labor?"

Benediction by Dr. Case.

FRIDAY.

Morning session opened at 9:30.

Devotions led by Mrs. Anthony of Oakland.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous session the reports of committees were called.

On Resolutions: Mrs. Willis, chairman. Adopted, with two additional, one of thanks to Dr. Bovard for assistance to the R. R. secretary, and one of greeting to Sister Wright of Rialto, who was unable to be present because of serious illness.

Committee on Enrollment: Mrs. Herrold, chairman. Adopted.

On Blanks: Mrs. O'Neal, chairman, reported a form of voucher to be given to the pastors for use at conferences. Adopted.

Dr. Abel Stevens, our able advocate, was present and spoke briefly of our work as he knew it from its beginnings—at home and abroad.

Mrs. Kummer reported the committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Adopted as a whole.

During the discussion of this report a telegram was received by the secretary as follows:

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

The Northwestern Branch, Mother, to Pacific Branch, Daughter:

Greeting, last clause 10th verse XVI chapter 1 Cor: "He worketh the work of the Lord as I also do." Signed,

MRS. A. BLISS.

To this the secretary was requested to reply, and did so as follows:

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

The Pacific Branch, Daughter, to Her Honored Mother:

Greeting, Philemon 1st clause, 7th verse. "For we have great joy and consolation in thy love."

(Signed) L. C. SPENCER, Rec. Sec.

Mrs. Bennett reported for the finance committee that $38.42 had been received in the collections. Accepted with thanks to the committee for their faithfulness.

On motion the secretary was requested to pay any bills that had been made for incidental expenses on their presentation to the desk. A motion to pay the janitor, Brother Tiffany, $5 for his untiring efforts for our comfort, prevailed.

A motion to change thank offering day from March to November was made. Carried, with the understanding that conference and district secretaries should use their discretion as to the change for the incoming year.

Mrs. O'Neal reported an invitation from Pomona for the next annual meeting to be held with them. Carried by a rising vote.

Mrs. O'Neal reported the committee on W. F. M. S. periodicals. Accepted.

Mrs. Parmelee reported the photograph committee, Mrs. Welch having been called home by telegram. Accepted.

A few moments were given to the Question Drawer.

A motion to pay $50 toward Mrs. Searle's expenses to the General Executive at St. Paul prevailed. Mrs. Searle expressed her appreciation and happiness over the prospect of meeting the women of the General Executive.

Dr. Cantine announced that the gentlemen of the First Church had arranged for carriages after lunch to take all delegates from abroad who wished to go for a ride about San Jose. About thirty ladies expressed their desire to go by rising.

The business of the meeting having been finished a motion was made to close with a consecration service in memory of our translated members, by whose removal we have suffered great loss. After singing a consecration hymn we united in prayer, and spent a profitable season before God, a hallowed hour, when a new equipment was given for the work before us, and we were endued with power from on high.

Dr. Cantine dismissed us with the benediction, and we adjourned *sine die*.

LAURA C. SPENCER,
Rec. Sec.

Read "Things to be Remembered."

Mrs Geo. Pennridge

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries	1
Assistants	2
Bible Women	14
Orphans	32
Scholarships	37

HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries	79
Membership	1990
Young Woman's Societies	10
Membership	334
Juvenile Bands	14
Membership	254
Total No. of Organizations	103
Increase	42
Total No. Members	2578
Increase	1180
Conference Secretaries	5
District Secretaries	8
Honorary Managers (5 new ones)	12
Life Members	
Subscribers to H. W. F	569
Increase	271
Receipts	$4867 77
Last Year	$2898 70
Increase	$1969 07

This has been a year of sunshine and shadows—sunshine because the Lord has been in our midst and His blessing upon our work. Bright days, because dear Sister Nind came when called to our coast, and with remarkable physical and spiritual power went throughout our Branch telling the needs and triumphs of the work, the privilege and duty of participating in it and the blessings direct and reflex in bringing this world to God. Whether in cities and villages as an organizer or helping in the district meeting or in the pulpit on the Sabbath or conducting an all-day missionary meeting; the superior tal-

ent, ready tact and force of speech won all hearts, and gave an impulse to the missionary cause that will never die.

Bishop Goodsell and many of our ministers, by lectures and public addresses, have eloquently presented our work.

One minister said to his congregation he believed one condition of membership for women in the Methodist Church should be that she agree to belong to the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

At our second quarterly meeting Mrs. Mary Leavitt, who has been an earnest missionary worker for fifty years, and during the last ten much in foreign lands, so vividly portrayed the fearful condition of our heathen sisters that every one felt they must either go or give.

Another returned missionary of a sister church, Miss Evans, said as Bishop Andrews did at our conference anniversary that personal observation of our work convinced them that our foreign missionaries were earnest, efficient and wonderfully successful.

Shadows have gathered about us when the mighty have fallen.

Sister Early, the President of our Branch until within a few months of her translation, leaves the rich legacy of a dignified Christlike administration, a high and holy life, which we will all strive to emulate.

Christian love and missionary zeal marked the lives of Sisters Brown and Warrington.

We, with all our sister branches, mourn the loss of that rare woman, Mrs. Dr. Warren, who for many years so ably edited our *Heathen Woman's Friend*. But we are cheered as we realize that the mantle of the glorified mother has fallen upon her daughter.

At our last annual meeting we tremblingly pledged our Branch for $4,000. We trusted, with the blessing of the Lord upon our efforts, we should be able to meet our pledge. And truly He has been with us, for our treasurer has received more than $4,000.

When the third-quarter remittances were due our money was in a closed-up bank, but our Branch Treasurer kindly forwarded the money, and tided us over the weeks until the bank re-opened.

Southern California feels the strong heart throbs of nearly a score of new auxiliaries in Northern California. We close the year happy that our branch annual is gathered close by the Golden Gate, and where, within its halo, there will soon be another score of baby sisters to take their place and part in this God-given work. Our hearts are full of joy and praise that our new societies brought into our treasury one-fourth of the money received this year.

The veteran auxiliaries look across the broad Pacific and with great joy measure the multiplied forces for gospel light that these new recruits are bringing to the darkened lands beyond the sea.

The reports of our standing committees will show a great increase of literature, photographs and mite boxes sold and distributed. These have pushed their work with wonderful skill and faithfulness.

During the year five young women have offered themselves for service in foreign fields. Miss Lillian Marks, who has completed her education, is waiting her appointment, and we hope soon to number her among our workers abroad, our very own missionary.

During the year the last district in the Southern California Conference (Fresno) was organized. Two remain yet unorganized in the California Conference, Napa and Sacramento. We hope they will very soon come into the fold and share the benefits of organization.

Our Branch quarterly meetings have a good attendance, but as they are always in Los Angeles, district meetings must supply their place in other localities.

Miss Kemper at Moradabad writes enthusiastically of her work. She has charge of the city and village schools, and assists in the dispensary. Her training in hospital in Omaha

qualifies her for ministering to the sick and suffering. There being no physician in charge her services are valuable indeed

Our brave, hopeful Harriet Paul at Lucknow never grows discouraged, but in day and Sunday schools looks faithfully after the spiritual life of her pupils.

With all our schools and orphanages at Pauri, Pithoragarh, Bareilly, Budaon and Gondah we can care for less than a thousand girls, and the daughters of Christians only, number about 5,000. Our Branch supports the only Christian school in Kampti, Bombay Conference, a city of 40,000 inhabitants. Mrs. Edith Elsam is in charge and Mrs. Benjamin is still giving her invaluable services as assistant. In a recent letter Mrs. E. pleads for a little more money to open another school for girls. She writes: "I have just opened a school for training our women just out of heathenism. Can only take a few because of limited time and means."

South India Conference.—For the money expended and the teachers and helpers employed there is perhaps more work done at Madras than any other point. Miss Grace Stephens reports many new doors opened. In the orphanage there are 40 girls, 5 of whom have patrons in our Branch. The letters which they have written show that they are bright and well trained. These girls will be our future workers. Even now they help us in giving the word to others in the hospitals, villages and Sunday schools.

Bengal Conference.—Parker Orphanage shelters and educates 31 girls, 12 of whom are ours. These have written letters to their patrons recently. Mrs. Warne says of these girls "even in India the girls are not inferior to the boys in intellectual capacity. Please extend our heartiest thanks to the women in America who are interested."

Of the orphanage at Rangoon Miss Perkins says: "In spiritual things there has been a decided growth. The new Burmese school, under Mrs. Girsham, is flourishing and the children take great delight in memorizing and singing Moody and Sankey hymns that have been translated into Burmese.

"In the Rangoon and Calcutta schools our girls have passed successful examinations under the government. The Girls' Mission Band has been active in filling Christmas bags for the soldiers and sailors. Throughout our schools in India there are large and flourishing Epworth Leagues, Mission Bands or Dorcas Societies. The girls earn their *pice* by making lace, mending the boys' clothes, and they make and mend their own clothes without hire."

Northwest India Conference.—Ajmere was made a district recently. The city schools and eight adjacent villages in each of which we support a Bible woman, is our work in this conference. The contingent fund of the Los Angeles district supports one of these Bible women.

Korea.—Mrs. Scranton writes from Seoule: "You two girls Tongi and Myoheni are conducting themselves in a very satisfactory manner and are growing, we believe, to be good Christian girls. They have both received baptism and a new name. Bishop Mallileau baptized Tongi. We named her Olive. Myoheni was baptized Christmas day, and was named Prudence." The work grows and they greatly need more workers here.

North China.—In the Peking school we have an interesting girl, Yu Chen, who recently wrote a letter in Chinese, translated by Miss Steere. We hope we may find a patron for this girl. Mrs. Parkinson of Nevada supports our other orphan at Tsun Hua.

Japan.—In this great empire our Branch supports two girls at Nagasaki, a Bible woman at Nagoya, and supplies $20 worth of tracts and papers. Good reports come from these schools.

While Miss Ackerman, the W. C. T. U. Round-the-World Missionary, was passing through this state last June she secured patrons for 14 scholars in India, and placed in my hands the names and addresses of these patrons. In reply to a communication asking for information about this work Bishop Thoburn says: "I am greatly pleased with the idea of uniting

all the young people of our church in this work of supporting girls in our boarding schools. We will take any number that can be supported, in blocks of ten. Societies near each other can unite on ten or more. We will then report on the whole ten at once. These schools are located at Pakur, Pauri and Jabalpur."

And thus the foreign missionary spirlt broadens and widens our lives, bringing blessings to the giver and eternal life to those who receive. Vast opportunities now come to every woman that will respond and hasten to heed the cry of her benighted sisters. MRS. E. M. CROW, Cor. Sec.

Read "Things to be Remembered."

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

Auxiliaries	10,	increase, 3
Members	346,	increase, 163
Receipts	$545,	increase, $110

	Members.	Receipts.
Los Angeles First Church	70	$170 00
East Los Angeles	14	26 00
Pasadena First Church	70	121 00
University	92	84 00
Whittier	15	23 00
Santa Barbara	10	32 50
Riverside	18	9 80
Oakland Faithful Ten	32	38 70
Oakland Christ's Mission Circle	15	15 00
Berkeley	10	15 00
Long Beach, Epworth League	...	10 00

In closing another year of happy service we would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in granting to so many of our young people the privilege of becoming workers together with Him in bringing the heathen world to the feet of Jesus. Our prayers ascend for all within our bonds, that they may come, ere long, to share with us the same blessed fellowship.

Reports from the societies have been prompt and satisfactory, indicating a conscientious purpose to be faithful in all things.

Early in the year a society of 75 members was organized at the University. Under the supervision of elect ladies whose names are written in Heaven, it prospered beyond precedent. The monthly meetings, held at private houses, with a good literary and musical program, attracted a very large attendance. A new and pleasing departure was the representation of the society in the Second Branch Quarterly, by a young *gentleman* member who read a carefully prepared paper on India.

During the summer vacation, when everything comes to a stand-still in a college community, two of the best meetings of the year were held, an entertainment given which netted $32 and the membership increased to 92. This society has supported Blanche Fordyce in the Calcutta girls' boarding school, founded in 1878 for the education of Eurasian girls. This school has now 904 boarders and 100 day scholars. It has already sent out at least 100 young women as active missionary workers. No class of people in India more need our sympathy than the Eurasians. The offspring of two races, they are despised by both. With the blood of Europe and Asia mingling in their veins they belong to neither. They are "a people without a country," yet we can undertake no work from which we may confidently expect greater results. They have no idols to throw away, no caste to lose. They understand the language and customs of the people of India, and through them it must be in a large measure, evangelized.

First Church, Los Angeles, has not had an unmixed experience of "flowery beds of ease," but their "courage rose with danger," and they overcame their difficulties by redoubled diligence and faithfulness. Public and parlor meetings were held and new members secured. Many hours of patient toil were spent in preparation for the linen sale, which was held at the parsonage in the early days of September. It was an occasion for the exercise of the Christian graces of hospitality, courtesy and liberality, and calculated to awaken a loving interest in our work. Bishop Andrews was present and gave the girls his hearty God-speed. The sale cleared $54. The 50 mite boxes brought in $17, and the thank offering, held in union with the elder society, $39. From Mrs. Scranton they received a cheering account of their little Tongi in Seoule, Korea. She says "Tongi is growing to be a good Christian girl. Last September she was baptized by Bishop Mallelieu, and we gave her the name of Olive, for Miss Nettie Oliver, who used to write to us occasionally. A Korean girl loses her name at marriage and

never has another. But we instruct those about us that the name given in baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost cannot be lost. I can assure you they prize the new name very highly. We keep praying and hoping somebody will be sent to take up the work that slips from our overfull hands. Is there not some one in California who can come soon?

Pasadena has had a good year. Her contribution has come through regular channels without resort to entertainments. Meetings have been statedly held and well attended. Three were open to the public. The last of these was held in union with the Epworth League, the Missionary Society furnishing the program, concluding with the opening of the mite boxes. They contained 375 pennies and many larger coin, in all amounting to $24. Each one of these represented a loving thought, possibly a prayer. If all offered in faith, what a harvest we may expect! The whole collection for the evening was $50. F. D. Stevens gave $20 of this sum for the support of an orphan in Madras.

Charlotte Illingworth, a pupil in the Rangoon Boarding School, has been supported by this Society for several years. She has finished the prescribed course of study, and is now teaching. In a recent letter to them she says: "I like teaching very much, but still like studying better, as I feel that I do not know enough to teach. Miss Files, who went away to America last year for her health, wishes me to come to your country to continue my studies and be trained for a teacher. If she gains her end I shall then be much better fitted to become a helper in missionary work in my own land. It is my desire to do all in my power for the Master who has done so much for me. This plan I leave in His hands. If He sees fit that I should go He will open the way. I thank you, kind friends, for the good you have done to us girls away out in India by enabling the Mission to take us and give us an education so that we might be of some use to ourselves and others."

Whittier, with its small and scattered membership, has held meetings whenever practicable, sent delegates and a good

report to the Spring District Meeting, and contributed more than enough for the support of their orphan in Pithoragarh. A letter from the secretary says: "We have lately heard through Miss Budden of our little Krooshmer. She is a delicate, bright-eyed, very pretty child, 9 years old. We want to name her for Mrs. Early. We are glad to have this tie to keep us going. We intend to send Miss B. some money to provide her some things for Christmas."

Asbury, East Los Angeles, also supports a girl in this school. Both of these societies have much to stimulate their faith in the high type of Christian character manifested by the older girls under Miss Budden's instruction. They may reasonably hope that these little ones develop the same noble traits. Much will depend on the earnestness with which they are prayed for.

Santa Barbara, with only ten members, has made a good record. Two entertainments have been given, and monthly meetings regularly held. Their reports show a growing interest in the work. They have supported a girl in India.

The little Society organized at Riverside during the Annual Meeting soon found one among them whose heart the Lord had stirred up to offer herself to Him for missionary work. Her pastor and those associated with her in church fellowship saw in her endowments which, if developed, would make her very widely useful. The completion of her education was undertaken by the Society, and $140 raised for that purpose. While this can not be counted with our receipts, the zeal and faith which inspired the effort is worthy of all praise. Probably this was one of the links in God's good providence which led some, to whose hands we scarcely dared intrust His work, into a deeper and more abiding communion with Him, which equipped them for any and every service.

The Faithful Ten of the First Church, Oakland, have grown from 20 to 31 members. The reports that come from them prove them worthy of their name. They have supported Shigaki Taki in the Nagasaki school.

The Christ Mission Circle in the same church have cared for Subasina in the Pakur Orphanage.

The King's Daughters of Berkeley have contributed $15 toward an orphan in Budaon. They have made good reports.

A little way-side talk with an earnest Christian girl at Long Beach about Bishop Thoburn's ten-dollar-girls, led her to bring the matter before the Epworth League of that place. The members became interested at once, and in a few moments almost the entire amount was subscribed. There are fifty members and they divided it equally among them, making only twenty cents a piece. How easy a thing becomes when there is a willing heart. This good example might be repeated all over the conference. If all would help "just a little" how soon the helpless wandering children of earth might be gathered under the sheltering wings of the church of God.

Grace Stevens, writing from Madras, says: "I have had to lay down my pen while writing this letter and go and turn from our doors for the third time a bright girl who has been here for admission to our school. I have no room, we are too crowded already, all of us overworked. She begged for us to take her in. I know what an honest, virtuous Christian woman she would probably become if she was admitted. I know to what depths she will probably sink now she is turned away, and all for the lack of $35."

MRS. ELEANOR C. SEYMOUR.

Read "Things to be Remembered."

JUVENILE WORK.

It was the little ones' first day in Sunday school. "What did you see as you came to church this morning?" asked her teacher. Bessie was too shy to answer, so the teacher said: "I saw trees and flowers and a cornfield with the sun shining on it."

Then the little one found courage to say: "Saw a birdie in the tree, and he singed."

"Who made the little birdie?" "God."

"And who made Bessie?" "God."

When next Sunday came Bessie had a sweet story to tell. "Bessie fed God's birdie, and he singed to God's Bessie."

So the Bands of the Pacific Branch have been feeding the orphans of far-away India with the "bread of life," and expect some day to hear them singing to their God.

Five new Bands have been organized during the year, and one of the older ones having lost nearly all of its members by being advanced to the Y. W. Society, has been reorganized, giving us in reality six new Bands.

Reports have been encouraging, and I wish that all might read the delightful letters written by these young Christian workers. There is one suggestion I would make, viz.: that superintendents should assist in making the reports, or at least see that they are correctly made, and thus avoid discrepancies.

During the coming year new places will be opened for Bands. Some of our most faithful workers are pastor's wives, and by changes made in the Southern California Conference some of these have gone to fields where no Bands have yet been organized, but I am sure they will not long be without organizing. One place is now open for the work, but strange

as it may seem a superintendent cannot be found. Much correspondence has been had, and I still believe some one will yet be found to take this place.

I would urge upon all superintendents to have the monthly program as instructive as possible. Let us educate these beginners now. Make the lessons as simple as possible, but having in each one some missionary intelligence presented, in such way that even the youngest child can grasp it.

We have now fourteen Bands in the Pacific Branch. Modesto, Oakland First Church and Santa Paula have not reported. Reports from the other eleven show a good increase of members over last year. Few entertainments for the purpose of raising money have been given this year, but the mite boxes and "Penny Helper" cards have been a fruitful source of revenue. They are far better educators.

In the California Conference, at Oakland Eighth Avenue Church, in January, 1893, a Band of fifteen was organized. They have thirty-five subscribers to *Heathen Children's Friend*, have sent $35 to the Branch Treasurer, of this $20 was for the support of an orphan at Pakur, the rest to be applied on some other work.

In the Southern California Conference, First Church Band Los Angeles, has twenty members and an average attendance of ten. Twelve subscribers to the *Heathen Children's Friend*, ten mite boxes in use, sent to the Branch Treasurer $23.01. Of this $3 was from dues, from mite boxes $2.78, donations $1.70, and $15.53 from other sources.

Asbury, East Los Angeles, was organized May 12, 1893, with thirteen members, and has an average attendance of eight at its monthly meeting. They have sent $2.25 to the Branch Treasurer. $1.50 was from dues and 75c. from Light Bearer fund.

University Band, reorganized Jan. 21st of this year, has twenty-eight members and an average attendance of sixteen. Fourteen subscribers to the *H. C. F.* and nine mite boxes in use. It held during the year one public meeting. Sent to

the Branch Treasurer $15. Of this $3.97 was from dues, mite boxes $2.32, Light Bearer fund $3.31, public meeting $5.40.

Florence has fifteen members Average attendance ten. They have eight subscribers to the *H. C. F.* Have sent $20 to Branch Treasurer. $5 was from donations, $2.50 from Light Bearer fund and the remainder from other sources.

Pomona has twenty-nine members, average attendance fourteen, and fifteen subscribers to the *H. C. F.* Have sent $30.70 to the Branch Treasurer. Of this $5 was from dues, $6.30 from mite boxes, donations $1.15, Light Bearers $1.25, and $17 from other sources.

Alhambra has seventeen members, average attendance fourteen, and ten subscribers to the *H. C. F.* They have sixteen mite boxes in use and sent to the Branch Treasurer $15. Of this $4 was from dues, $5.35 from mite boxes, $3.15 donations and $2.50 from Light Bearers.

Pasadena Wesleys have twenty-two members, and an average attendance of ten. They have sent to the Branch Treasurer $20. Have nine honorary members.

Pasadena Thoburn Band has thirty one members with an average attendance of nine, and ten subscribers to the *H. C. F.* They have twelve mite boxes, and have sent the Branch Treasurer $16. Of this $6.25 was for dues, $6.25 from mite boxes, $3.50 from Light Bearers.

Ontario organized in June. They have eighteen members and an average attendance of fourteen. Subscribers to *H. C. F.* fifteen, mite boxes twenty. They have sent the Branch Treasurer since June 10th, $9.35.

Santa Barbara has fourteen members with an average attendance of six. They have fourteen mite boxes in use and have sent the Branch Treasurer $9. Of this $2.20 was from dues, $3.25 from mite boxes, and $4.75 from donations.

The Bands of the Pacific Branch have done well their part. May we all be faithful to our trust, and gather in these willing and earnest workers for the Master.

MRS. J. R. UMSTED.

REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

Coming home from the annual meeting of the Pacific Branch last year, we found a letter from Miss Dreyer, superintendent of the German Work of the W. F. M. S., containing a pledge for $75, which we were to sign and take to the annual meeting. The meeting had already adjourned, and we were thankful that it so happened; for, after hard work last year, the total for our conference was $47, and we hardly dared to hope for such progress in one year.

The first quarter looked discouraging, but $4 came from the conference from last year, and $4 could be sent for dues to the Branch Treasurer for the first quarter. Poor health prevented regular work, but in the second quarter, a dear sister from Santa Cruz sent $15, and we realized God was working.

Two Auxiliaries, one the Los Angeles Circuit and the other Lorin, paid their dues and under much financial pressure held up the good work. The Los Angeles circuit built a fine new church, and Lorin a parsonage. The Perris Church has but five woman members, and the W. F. M. S. numbers eight members, who during the year paid $7 for the foreign work.

In mite boxes there were gathered in all about $25, and at the end of the year we are able to report as raised for German work, $82, and as sent to Branch Treasurer, $31, making a total of $113. We have only three organized societies, but only five of the Conference charges failed to send some little sum for the W. F. M. S. Some sent only one dollar, but it showed that some one thought of the work, and the interest is increasing. About fifty copies of the *Heiden Frauen Freund* and ten of the *Heathen Children's Friend* are in circulation and two copies of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* are taken. Fifty mite boxes have already been called for, for the next year, and we are hopefully trusting in the Lord.

C. F. MEYER.

ARIZONA MISSION.

Dear Sisters and Co-Workers:

I regret exceedingly that I cannot be present at the annual gathering, that I might catch new inspiration and get information to help me in the difficult field to which I am assigned. I am very sorry not to be able to report that auxiliaries have been organized during the year. We are too prone to forget that Arizona is one of the most difficult *mission* fields in the entire Methodist connection. The Church membership of the Territory does not exceed four hundred, and when we remember that they are scattered over an area equal in extent to all of New England and New York combined, we are not surprised that the respective charges, fourteen in all, are very weak. There is not a *self-supporting* charge in the entire Mission. I have visited almost every charge in the Territory, and endeavored faithfully to interest the women and also the pastors in this, the noblest of all work. At Flagstaff I met with some encouragement, and had reason to hope that the wife of the pastor would be able to lead on to success, but within a few months the pastor, on account of sickness, returned to Iowa with his family, thus leaving us without a leader. Also at Phœnix I found a sister who had in other days been interested in our work, but scarcely had she agreed to give her time and influence toward organizing and maintaining an auxilliary when she removed from the Territory. To secure some one who is sufficiently interested in the W. F. M. S. to take the leadership is a most difficult task.

The expense of traveling in Arizona makes it impossible for me to visit the various charges as often as is absolutely necessary in order to *create* a sentiment in favor of our work in

the minds and hearts of the Methodist women we *now* have in Arizona. Nevertheless, I am persuaded that a better day is coming. The superintendent of the mission is in hearty sympathy with us and will do all he can to supplement our efforts.

The Territory will undoubtedly make rapid growth in the immediate future; already enterprises vast in extent, involving millions of dollars, are under way for the development of the agricultural districts, where all manner of tropical and deciduous fruits can be successfully grown.

And where this condition exists, we have abundant reason to hope that of the *multitudes* who will surely come to this Territory there will be a goodly number of *Methodist women* so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our common Master that the W. F. M. S. will greatly prosper. I do not believe that it is too much to expect that during the ensuing year several auxiliaries may be organized.

May the leadership of Him who hath so signally owned and blessed the W. F. M. S. be our heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. BOVARD.

Read "Things to be Remembered."

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

The past year has been a year of success in the California Conference. Though humiliated by many failures where we had expected work done, still we feel that the hand of our loving Father been upon us, for God has brought us to this day of gladness. As we review the work of the year we are led to say: Surely God's hand has guided each step and left its impress on all our work.

And, as we stand on the verge of this new year, we see new duties and new privileges opening to us—a wide field is before us. But a small part of the territory of this conference is yet occupied by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We hope such efficient workers will be placed in the field this year that more interest will be awakened and grander results be reached. But success only increases responsibility.

Mrs. Mary C. Nind, our organizer-at-large, came to this conference in December of 1892. With her ripe judgment, her fearless piety and her extensive knowledge of the work, she began at once to organize with marked success. We will not speak of the many obstacles which met her in the way, obstacles which confronted her like walls of granite! But Sister Nind knew just how to meet these mountains of prejudice and opposition, and the heroic little woman *did meet* them with a courage that is only born of the spirit of sacrifice, for the word *defeat* was not on her program.

One year ago we reported eight auxiliaries in this conference. Three disbanded during the first quarter of the year. The members of Union and the Alameda county auxiliaries went into other auxiliaries This left us five. Now we have twenty-one auxiliaries, three juvenile bands, three young ladies' societies, three circles of King's Daughters auxilary to

our society. Beside this much special work was taken up while Mrs. Nind was here. She visited all the old auxiliaries and was a great inspiration to them by her wise counsel and by adding to their numbers.

Napa district has two auxiliaries. The society in Middletown, though very feeble, is struggling heroically to maintain its existence. Napa has a flourishing auxiliary. They are not only doing splendid work in their auxiliary, but also among the young ladies of the college. We may look for aggressive work on the Napa district this year, for they have San Francisco's very efficient district secretary, Mrs. E. R. Willis, now on that work. While San Francisco district *mourns*, Napa should sing a *pean of praise.*

We also deeply regret that the president of San Francisco district, Mrs. F. D. Bovard, should be taken from her work by *removal*, but we remember that in the infant church the disciples were "scattered abroad everywhere preaching the word," so these grand women may do better work and accomplish more for the Master where they have gone.

Sacramento has two auxiliaries. The one in Central is feeling the pressure of hard times. Many of their members are out of employment, but they expect victory. Sixth street church is doing good work. A lady of that church made a fine donation to our society this year.

Our work is largely on the Oakland and San Francisco districts. Oakland First Church auxiliary has the largest membership in the conference and they are doing magnificent work. They have the Christ Mission Circle, which supports an orphan in Pakur; Faithful Ten (young ladies), which provides a scholarship in Nagasaki, and a Juvenile Band. Eighth avenue auxiliary, East Oakland, is a growing society and doing good work. Eighth avenue Juvenile Band supports a girl in Pakur. Oakdale Sunday school provides for a girl in the same place. Chester street is a promising society and has done good work this year. Trinity church auxiliary, Berkeley, has done well. Berkeley King's Daughters supports an orphan in

Budaon. Berkeley Faithful Workers (young ladies) also provide for an orphan.

Grace auxiliary, San Francisco district, is doing excellent work. They have assumed the support of two girls in India, and, best of all, this auxiliary has a dear girl who has consecrated herself to foreign work. Though we have no organization in Simpson Memorial, a Bible reader is supported by their Sunday school and a lady of this church supports a girl in India. Central did not organize until the first of May, but they are very enthusiastic. Their auxiliary supports an orphan in China. Another girl in the same school is supported by the Friendly Circle of King's Daughters, and the Ever Ready Circle are sending a girl to school in India. They promise large results for the society, and especially for the Master, the coming year. Trinity, Powell and VanNess are living. Mayfield auxiliary has enthusiastic and spiritual life. We hope the spirit of Mrs. Bishop Thoburn, who organized the society, has fallen upon them. San Jose First Church auxiliary is doing its best. Membership largely increased last year. One orphan is supported by Mrs. M. E. Martin of this society. Berryessa auxiliary propose to pay toward the support of a Bible reader. Centella auxiliary are in the work. Their junior society supports a Bible reader. Modesto Juvenile Band supports two Bible readers and provides for a girl in India. College Park has a live working auxiliary. Hollister has had a hard struggle, but will live and do for the master, Pacific Grove, just organized, will be one of our best auxiliaries. This little quotation from a beautiful letter just received from their secretary speaks their enthusiasm :

"Ten resolute women with the love of God burning in their souls can do much toward awakening enthusiasm on any given subject, and we hope that before we are a year old we shall have at least doubled in size if not in value, and by our mites, our prayers and our faith make the missionaries in more than one foreign field aware of our existence."

Two district meetings have been held during the year, the

first in San Jose, the second in First Church, Oakland. Both were largely attended and were very profitable. The success of these meetings was largely due to the inspiration gathered from the presence and wisdom of our beloved Sister Nind. A beautiful oil painting was donated by a friend in San Francisco and sold at the first meeting for $50, money to be used in helping to defray the expenses of our dear young missionary soon to go out from Grace Church. Mrs. A. J. Bell has donated a valuable oil painting to the auxiliary of First Church, San Jose, which we hope may be sold for the same purpose.

Our Conference Anniversary was a fine success, because of the admirable paper read by Mrs. Clara Kummer, of Oakland, and the *grand* address by Dr. Cantine.

Dr. Payne, in his address before the Woman's Home Missionary Society, spoke very appreciative words for our society and work.

In summing up the work of the Conference we have much to be thankful for:

Auxiliaries	21	Increase 16
Young Women's Societies, all new	3	
Juvenile Bands	3	Increase 1
King's Daughters, all new work	3	
Members	771	Increase 557
Subscribers to *Heathen Women's Friend*	143	Increase 131
Subscribers to *Heathen Children's Friend*	25	
Money raised for the year, total	$614.15	

Nearly all the auxiliaries are doing well. A few have failed to raise their full amount for *dues*. The young women and children who are organized are doing grand work.

We regret that so few of our Epworth Leagues and Sunday schools are interested in foreign work. But we rejoice that God is giving this work favor among the churches, our people are catching a glimpse of both privilege and *duty*. Though the increase is small, still we have abundant reason for rejoicing in the success already achieved, and in the broadening and beautifying of the hearts of all who have engaged in the work.

PHŒBE B. SEARLE,
Conference Secretary.

NEVADA CONFERENCE.

The littleness of our work has made us hesitate about a report, but we hope to have more to report in future. The auxiliary at Reno is in a healthy condition. Our annual meeting in August awakened new interest and added to our numbers. I have been gratified to observe how this work grows in the thought and affection of those who engage in it.

An album quilt has brought in quite a sum of money that will help on the scholarship. Reno has had a steady growth in numbers and interest, but just at present we are under a cloud financially. Virginia City is at a standstill and can do but little at present. Carson, with its energetic leaders, Rev. Mitchell and wife, gives promise of good work for the W. F. M. S. the coming year. The Mission is constantly increasing in missionary effort. Some of the churches that have thought their only duty was to support the resident ministers, are beginning to take a broader view of their duty and privilege.

We thank God and take courage, hoping to do more for our Master the coming year than ever before. May the annual meeting be a great blessing to the work and workers. Pray for us.

Yours in the work,

LUCY VANDEVENTER.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

The year, the record of which we bring to you today, closes the first decade of the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Southern California Conference, and has been the *best* of all the ten.

Los Angeles District has had a year of prosperity. The corresponding secretary has been instant in season and out of season in caring for the work ; the other officers are *ideal* ones and a host of consecrated workers are to be found among its members, so that the district could hardly fail to advance. New societies have been organized as follows : Central of Central Ave., Y. W. of University, Juv. Band of Asbury (all in Los Angeles), Santa Monica, and Wesley Miss. Society Pasadena. The last-named is a grade between the Band and the Y. W.'s society and makes *four* organizations in this church.

The Y. W. of University church made a good record for their first year, and have done credit to their leader, Mrs. Oliver.

Twenty-five orphans and scholars and one Bible woman are supported by societies and individuals of this district.

In November a meeting of the District Association was held in Boyle Heights church, Los Angeles, and another in May in Vincent church, in the same city. These were like *all* the meetings of this district, excellent, each one a little better than the preceding one.

The Loan Library not proving the success that was hoped has been, for the present at least, discontinued. Mrs. Pilkington gave much time and labor to this undertaking, but it became evident that the auxiliaries did not appreciate the helpfulness of the library to their work, and by the action of the District Association it was transferred to the Branch Department of Supplies.

Fresno District has had the largest proportionate gain of any in the Conference, and the faithful secretary who has so long waited and prayed has had her reward. The number of auxiliaries has increased from three to eight, while the membership has more than doubled. Several of these societies are united with the H. M. S. and have not the ability to do for either cause as much as their numbers would indicate. Auxiliaries have been organized during the year in Tulare, Fresno, Grangeville, Bakersfield and Visalia. An orphan named in honor of the pastor's wife is supported by Tulare auxiliary.

May 2d the first gathering of the workers occurred and a District Association was organized. A program of much merit was given to a good audience assembled on the beautiful camp ground near Tulare. Sister O'Neal was there as general-in-chief and had the aid of several ministers and ministers' wives. Altogether a propitious beginning, but, alas for promising plans ! one turn of the itinerant wheel puts Mrs. Crist, the new president, and Mrs. Mather, the treasurer, far beyond the bounds of the district.

Santa Barbara District is under peculiar disadvantages owing to its "magnificent distances" and lack of traveling facilities, so it was deemed wise to have two secretaries for this field. Both have planned wisely and labored zealously and though the increase is not large it is still encouraging. The new societies are : Ventura, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara Y. W. and Santa Barbara Band. The two last-named were organized by the district president, Mrs Caswell. The number of orphans supported by auxiliaries is four.

By the generous giving of Mrs. D. C. Cook three honorary managers have been made in Piru auxiliary.

A meeting was held in May for the benefit of the southern part of the district. Though not largely attended it was still profitable and prepared the way for greater success another time. At the ministerial meeting at Paso Robles in the spring, an hour was given for the presentation of our cause and the corresponding secretary made good use of the time, and at the

close organized a promising auxiliary. At the camp meeting at Santa Paula a similar opportunity was well improved by district officers.

San Diego District has had the largest growth of any in the Conference, having gained seven auxiliaries and one band since the last report, with considerable increase in the membership of the older auxiliaries. New societies have been organized as follows: Redlands, San Bernardino, Rialto, South Riverside, First Church San Diego, Central San Diego, San Jacinto and Ontario Juvenile Band.

The removal of Mrs. Drown in the middle of the year left the office of corresponding secretary vacant. As soon as possible the vacancy was filled and the new secretary has done what she could to gather up the broken lines of work.

At Ontario in December was held the first meeting that in any way represented the district. The day was all too short for the work there was to do. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Green, helped us greatly in the evening service. A meeting at San Bernardino in May was well attended and most satisfactory in the papers read and the general character of the exercises. It was remarkable for the spirit of *supplication* that rested upon those present and for the strong address of Dr. W. A. Wright in the evening.

A Bible woman and seven orphans and scholars are supported by Ontario auxiliary, honorary members, Juvenile Band, Sunday school classes and individuals; and Mrs. Phillips, the enthusiastic president of the society, hearing of a bright girl in one of our schools not yet taken was *sure* they could find room for her and wanted to engage her in advance. Three orphans are supported by other auxiliaries in the district.

A "Boys' Brigade," composed of small boys of San Jacinto, though not all belonging to his flock, went to the pastor the day the W. F. M. S. was organized and said they would like the proceeds of an entertainment they were about to give to go to our society, and though the admission fee was small the proceeds enriched our treasury to the amount of $9.50.

What could we not do if only we could enlist all the children!

The whole number of societies organized during the year is twenty-five, but two of these have only outgrown the name Juvenile Band and taken the more suitable one of Y. W. Two that were included in the last report had only a *name* to live and must be omitted from the list, leaving a net gain of but twenty-one societies. Ten of the twenty-five were organized by Mrs. Mary C. Nind, who gave two months of earnest, unceasing labor to the interests of this work in our Conference. Her work was honored of God and her devotion and zeal rewarded with the above resnlts, to which, as scarcely less important, must be added the increase of interest and members in the societies already established which she visited. Her words were as good seed sown in good ground, and some of the fruit is just beginning to be gathered. A gentleman, not of our church, in one of the towns of the Fresno district, who heard Mrs. Nind speak but once, was so impressed and drawn to our work that after due consideration he gave $60 with the promise to continue the gift from year to year.

An "All-day" meeting, which it was desired should represent the Conference generally, was held March 7th in First Church, Los Angeles, and, although the representation was not all we had hoped for, it was probably the best meeting we have had in Southern California, and had a wider influence than any former one. Several excellent papers were read and a touching and appropriate service in memory of our dear Sister Early was held. Mrs. Nind was there to give instructruction and inspiration and to raise money as only she can.

The Conference Anniversary was of *unusual* interest. The addresses of Bishop Andrews, Dr. C. H. Payne and Dr. Masters were all masterly and showed the helpfulness of Christian women in the evangelization of the world. A great congregation was there and good and lasting impressions were made.

The gain in subscribers to the *Heathen Women's Friend* is encouraging, though not as large as we had a right to expect.

The number of mite boxes in use has largely increased,

and the amounts gathered through this agency are surprisingly large, but the reports have never been so meager, a fact to be regretted, as the exact figures would no doubt lead to their more general use. Other reports have not been as full as they should be and few auxiliary officers have yet learned the importance of giving the general officers full information. A single sentence may give an insight into the conditions of a society that the regular report fails to give.

The three hundred and thirty letters and postal cards that I have written, the sixty-five packages of supplies sent out, the district meetings attended, the journeys taken to organize societies, have all been with the faith that God could use even these small things as instrumentalities for extending his work.

> "Some fell from the ranks,
> And took their places with the greater host
> In the higher land."

Miss Ida Lockwood, of Pomona, of whom we only know she loved the W. F. M. S.—Mrs. F. M. Warrington, of Hueneme, and Mrs. J. F. Brown, both pastor's wives who used their influence as such to stimulate and encourage the work in the churches where they were placed.—Mrs. J. P. Early, of Lincoln Park, who was the first Conference secretary for Southern California and had much to do with laying the foundations. It was her joy to spend and be spent for this work so dear to her and even after laid aside from active work she was strong to do for it through prayer and wise counsel.—Mrs. Susan Wright, of Rialto, who was the mother of a missionary in China, and counted it a privilege to be permitted this sacrifice. One year ago she came to the Annual Meeting from the new church, where they had not yet felt able to organize, saying she was "so hungry for a missionary meeting." Her presence was an inspiration and to her the meeting was a feast. One said of her sick room, "it was good to be there." These all went home triumphantly and there remains with us still the influence of their holy lives.

The following is the statistical summary :

STATISTICAL SUMMARY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	SECRETARIES.	No. of Auxiliaries	No. of Members	No. of Y. W.'s Societies.	No. of Members	No. of Juvenile Bands	No. of Members	Total No. of Societies	Total No. of Members in all Societies	Total Gain in Members	Subscribers to H. W. F.	Total Money Receipts
Fresno	Mrs. S. Townsend	8	119					8	119	67	21	$ 194 05
Los Angeles	Mrs. A. S. Pilkington	21	525	5	254	7	146	33	925	157	207	1,893 95
Santa Barbara	Mrs. A. M. Ogburn / Mrs. Jane Sampson	10	173	1	10	2	21	13	204	27	45	631 26
San Diego	Mrs. S. J. Ford	14	394	1	20	2	47	17	461	270	119	649 59
Total		53	1211	7	284	11	214	71	1709	521	392	$3,368 85

Increase of Subscribers to H. W. F., 143.
No. of New Life Members, 21.

Total for District	$3,368 85
Miscellaneous	15 00
Received from Treas. of So. Cal. Conference	105 00
Grand Total	$ 3,488 85

Respectfully submitted,

MARY F. WOODCOCK, Conference Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Auxiliaries for year ending September 30, 1893.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Alhambra	$34 25
" Band	15 00
Compton	37 50
Covina	24 30
Florence	35 10
" Band	25 00
Garvanza	6 00
Glendale	18 00
Glendora	48 00
Los Angeles—	
Asbury	55 50
" Y. L.	24 00
Bellevue	37 75
Boyle Heights	17 55
Central	87 00
Central Avenue	17 14
First Church	407 00
" Y. L.	170 00
" Band	21 73
Grace	14 50
Simpson	96 37
University	95 00
" Y. L.	84 25
" Band	15 00
Vincent	39 25
Pasadena	150 00
" Y. L.	121 00
" Wesley Band	29 00
" South	66 56
San Fernando	13 00
Whittier	6 00
" Y. L.	23 00
Santa Monica	12 20
Thoburn Band	16 00
La Cañada	10 00
Los Angeles District Fund	26 00
Fresno	14 15
Grangeville	29 15
Selma	8 25
Tulare	30 50
Visalia	9 05
Waukena	32 90
Manzana	6 00
Bakersfield	4 05
From a Friend in Tulare	60 00
Colton	16 00
Fallbrook	26 40
Garden Grove	27 55
Ontario	157 45
Pomona	49 20
" Band	27 70
Rialto	7 00
Riverside	74 00
" Y. L.	9 80
" South	30 64
San Bernardino	17 20
Santa Ana	16 70
San Diego Central	17 10
" First Church	106 10
Orange	2 00
Redlands	25 85
San Jacinto	28 30
National City	5 00
Ontario Band	5 60
Arroyo Grande	44 85
Goleta	6 60
Lompoc	57 10
Piru	322 00
San Luis Obispo	9 00
Santa Barbara	66 86
" Y. L.	32 50
" Band	9 00
Santa Maria	11 75
Santa Paula	59 10
Saticoy	6 00
Ventura	5 00
Hueneme	1 50
Forw'd by Treas. of S. Cal. Conference	105 00
Total for S. Cal. Conf.	$3,473 85

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

San Francisco—		Sacramento	50 00
Central	$17 85	San Jose	134 80
Grace	21 00	Centella	28 00
Van Ness Ave	18 68	Berkeley	19 00
Trinity	8 00	" Patient Workers.	15 00
Powell St	20 00	Modesto	24 00
Simpson Memorial	50 00	" Band	39 70
District Meeting	68 15	Santa Clara	12 90
Oakland—		College Park	14 00
Sent to Mrs. Parker, India	15 00	Mayfield	26 25
First Church	98 00	Berryessa	14 65
" Christ Mission Circle	15 00	Hollister	13 10
Faithful Ten	38 70	Napa	20 00
Juvenile Band	2 00	Middleton	4 00
Eighth Ave	47 25	Shandon	2 85
" Juv. Band.	30 00	For'd by Treas. Cal. Conf.	18 00
Chester Street	4 00	Total for Cal. Conf.	$914 14
King's Daughters	21 30		
Station A	3 00		

CALIFORNIA GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Los Angeles Circuit	$35 75	Anaheim	1 00
Lorin	10 00	San Francisco	1 00
Perris	4 25	East Oakland	5 00
San Bernardino	2 25	For'd by Treas. of Calif. German Conference	31 00
Santa Cruz	20 00		
Folsom	2 00		
San Diego	1 00	Total	$113 25

NEVADA CONFERENCE.

Reno	$30 50

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Oakdale Sunday School	$20 00	Returned by Cor. Sec	48 00
Sale of Supplies	10 00	Bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1892	155 07
Collections at Br. Meet'gs	42 50		
Donations	60 00	Total	$335 07

DISBURSEMENTS—CONTINGENT.

To Corresponding Secretary	$161 00
To Recording Secretary	40 90
To Southern California Conference Secretary	14 90
To California Conference Secretary	14 00
To President	5 00
To Mrs. Nind's Expenses	215 00
To Mrs. O'Neal's Expenses	10 00
To Miss Dreyer	3 85

To Mite Boxes	22 65	
To Printing Reports and Blanks	153 70	
To Printing Mrs. Early's Memorial	25 00	
To Printing *Pacific Branch Quarterly*	17 00	
To Expressage on L. M. Certificates	1 30	
To Expenses of Mass Meeting	7 75	
To Interest	35 00	
Total		$727 05

DISBURSEMENTS—FOREIGN.

To North India	$1,738 00	
To Northwest India	320 00	
To South India	100 00	
To Bombay	667 00	
To Bengal	724 00	
To Japan	160 00	
To Korea	96 00	
To China	60 00	
Total Foreign		$3,865 00
Total Contingent		727 05
Total Disbursements		$4,592 05

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	$4,867 77
Total Disbursements	4,592 05
Balance on hand	$ 275 72

MRS. D. C. COOK,
Treasurer Pacific Branch W. F. M. S.

Los Angeles, Cal., November 11, 1893.

Audited and found correct.

J. P. EARLY, Auditor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God as manifested in the prosperity attending the work of the past year, and as shown in the reports of our officers.

Resolved, That we enter upon the work of the coming year with renewed earnestness and steadfast faith, expecting by the grace of God that the results will be far beyond any previous year.

WHEREAS, We acknowledge an overruling Providence in sending among us our beloved Sister Nind, who traveled up and down our coast with dauntless zeal and persistent energy, facing many discouragements and overcoming many obstacles, therefore

Resolved, That an expression of the appreciation of this Pacific Branch be sent from this meeting to Mrs. Mary C. Nind for her inspiring presence and efficient service by which, under the blessing of God, we are greatly prospered.

Resolved, That an expression of sympathy be extended to Sister Wright, of Rialto, in her severe illness, which prevents her being with us at this meeting. Further, that in the heavenly promotion of Miss Ida Lockwood, Pomona; Mrs. F. M. Warrington, Hueneme; Mrs. J. F. Brown, San Fernando, and Mrs. J. P. Early, Lincoln Park, the Branch has sustained a great loss, and our hearts are sadly bereaved, especially in that of Sister Early, whose loving help and fostering care have done so much to make our Pacific Branch the inheritance which we possess today.

Resolved, That an especial vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. A. J. Bell for her gift of a beautiful oil painting to the auxil-

iary of the First M. E. church, San Jose, and through them to the Branch; and that we greatly appreciate the generosity of Mrs. D. M. Welch, of Los Angeles, in so promptly purchasing the same, thereby placing $300 in our treasury.

WHEREAS, We believe it will advance our cause to change the Loyal Legion dues from $5 a year to a penny a day, therefore

Resolved, That we make the change by a vote of this meeting.

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby tendered to Bishop Goodsell for his presence and interest in our work, and for his soul-inspiring words of counsel and encouragement; to Dr. W. W. Case for his interesting and enthusiastic address on Thursday evening; to the fraternal delegates, who brought greetings from the various churches, and the California W. C. T. U.; to Dr. and Mrs. Cantine, to whose steadfast interest much of the success of this meeting is due; to the ladies of San Jose for their cordial welcome and most generous hospitality; to the railroad officials for courtesies extended; to Dr. F. D. Bovard for his assistance to our railroad secretary; to the San Jose press for their full reports of the meetings; to all who so kindly helped in the music, among whom we mention Mrs. Sawyer and the organist who presided at the day sessions so faithfully, and Miss Mabel Davidson who sang so sweetly in Japanese, not forgetting the choir who were present in the evenings.

Resolved, That while we appreciate the faithful work of all our officers, we desire especially to recognize Mrs. Pilkington, who so bravely took up the burden and presided so wisely over our meeting in the absence of the president.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. R. WILLIS,
MRS. MYRA CAMPBELL,
MRS. E. M. CHURCHILL.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Committee on Photographs begs leave to submit the following report :

RECEIPTS.

On hand September, 1892			$ 30
Photographs sold :			
September, 19 photos	$ 4 60		
November, 6 "	1 50		
January, 7 "	1 75		
February, 4 "	1 00		
March, 22 "	5 50		
April, 62 "	11 45		
" presented to Mrs. Nind, 3.			
May, 19 photos	4 75		
June, 14 "	3 50		
July, 25 "	3 45	$37 50	
Total, 181 photos			$37 80

EXPENDITURES.

On hand October, 1892, 46 Photographs.		
Photographs purchased:		
October, 24 photos	$ 3 10	
" postage	15	
December, 24 photos	3 10	
" postage	15	
February, 48 photos	6 10	
March, 61 photos	7 50	
April, 48 photos	6 05	
" postage	10	
May, 24 photos	3 00	
" postage	05	
July, 24 photos	3 00	
" postage	10	
Total, 299 photos		$32 20
No. photographs purchased		299
No. photographs sold		181
No. now on hand		118
Total receipts for the year		$37 80
Total expenditures for the year		32 20
Cash on hand		$ 5 60

In this department, as in the others, the past year has been the best in the history of our Branch. Beginning with the Annual Meeting, and continuing throughout the year, there has been increased interest in photographs of our missionaries. The sale of the pictures in itself is of minor importance, except

that the profits derived from it enable us to add to the number; but the benefits we derive from having these pass into various homes and win a place for themselves cannot be estimated. Each one becomes a worker for our Society, and the influence is none the less potent because it is silent. It is impossible to study these pictures and the lives they represent and be indifferent to to one's own part in the work of women for women.

It has been a matter of regret that we have not been able to have a set of photographs at or near San Francisco, within reach of the auxiliaries here. This will be remedied soon and then we hope they will prove as great a source of pleasure and profit as they have been to us in Southern California.

ANNA M. DAVIS,
Com. on Photographs.

MITE BOXES.

No. of Mite Boxes October, 1892	222	
Purchased during the year	1300	1522
No. of Boxes sent out:		
First quarter	144	
Second quarter	634	
Third and Fourth quarters	517	1295
Balance left		227

In closing my report for the year, I would like to add a few words that may be of interest to the Society: From the first organization of the Pacific Branch I have been honored as your Mite-Box Committee, and in looking over my book to make this report I find that the number of boxes which have been purchased during the past five years is 3,120. These have cost the Society a little over fifty-two dollars.

I would be glad if I could tell you how many dollars these little mite gatherers have brought into the Society. Many times their cost I am sure. While I thank you for your confidence in me and your forbearance with my imperfect service, I must decline to take the work another year.

Yours in the work for Christ,
CELIA S. HOLMES, Committee.

PUBLICATION.

The report of the work of your committee for the year is as follows:

1000 Auxiliary Secretary's blanks.
1000 Auxiliary Treasurer's blanks.
1000 printed postals for Branch Recording Secretary.
1000 Annual Reports.
500 programs for Annual Meeting.
300 Mrs. Early's Memorials.
1500 *Pacific Branch Quarterly*.
Total Cost for printing the above matter, $195.75.

Early in the year it was decided that a paper representing the interests of our Branch would greatly aid us in our work, but for various reasons its issue was delayed until July. Its cordial and appreciative reception gives us assurance that its issue will effect the good we hoped to accomplish. Although we have named it our *Quarterly*, but three numbers will be issued annually—the necessity for an October number being met by the issue of our Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted by the
COMMITTEE.

DEPOT OF SUPPLIES.

In giving this, my first annual report of this department, I desire to speak of the great importance of our literature. No other agency in our Branch has so wide-spread influence as this. There is a tradition of a sovereign who said, "Please God, my child shall never learn to read, rather than read the pernicious literature thrown in his pathway." Luther hurled the ink bottle at the devil, and, in turn, he is hurling it back in shape of printer's ink, destroying our people. Let us fight the devil with his own weapons. While it is evident that the people read more every year, and of the "making of books there is no end," the question that confronts us now is, shall we sit quietly still and fold our hands and allow our church

and our children to feed upon the chaff supplied in such profusion? Rather, shall we not arise in our might, as a church and society, and put into their hands books that will teach our own doctrines and tell of our grand achievements and grander opportunities. God help us to be up and doing before it is too late.

The greatest difficulty that our workers experience in the work of organizing has been the indifference, because of the ignorance of the people. When they are adequately informed, and ascertain what a grand army of home workers are pushing the battle on, and when they become thoroughly acquainted with our missionaries abroad, with their work, with their homes, with the schools, the orphanages, and all the detail of mission life, nothing can prevent them from organizing and sending their money to help on the cause of missions. Missionaries are made by such books as Thoburn's "India and Malaysia," and that wonderful little book, "The Bishop's Conversion." There is also a growing hunger in our midst for this kind of literature.

There is one Auxiliary in this Branch that has ordered nearly everything upon the pages of my catalogue, and they do not belong to a wealthy church either. But every woman in that Auxiliary feels the trend of this grand Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and keeps pace with all its forward movements. I wish their sister Auxiliaries would go and do likewise.

A little more than a year ago, when I took charge of this department, I had a little box of leaflets turned over to me, with $1.41 in postage stamps. No leaflets had been sold in our Branch up to that time. After the Branch meeting at Riverside Mrs. Crow ordered the usual apportionment of leaflets that belong to our Branch, one half coming to me and one-half going to Mrs. Smith in San Francisco, who had charge of the supplies in the California Conference. Mrs. O'Neal sent an order with the same distribution. I soon found the demand upon my supply so great—and in many cases I had nothing

but my own personal experiences to draw from—that at the Executive Board meeting in February I was allowed the right to buy and sell missionary books, booklets and music at my discretion, provided I paid the bills. From that time all leaflets have been sold except the two and four-page ones. Free leaflets have been scattered broadcast over the bounds of the Branch—sent out as silent forces. Who can measure their influence?

Books, maps and leaflets have been sold at the District Meetings held in Vincent church, Los Angeles, at San Bernardino, Fresno and Santa Paula; at the Mass Meeting held in the First Church in Los Angeles; at the Ministerial Association at Orange; at the Santa Paula Camp Meeting; at the Southern California Conference in Los Angeles, and the Branch Annual Meeting in San Jose. Also to parties making application to me at University.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Leaflets	$ 9 10	
Reports	45	
Maps	10 50	
Books	42 60	
Stamps	1 41	$64 06

EXPENDITURES.

Leaflets	$ 4 45	
Maps	8 40	
Books	23 27	
Postage	5 07	
Stationery	2 45	
Freight Bills	7 07	
Catalogues	3 50	$53 19
Balance in Treasury		$10 87

MRS. E. W. CASWELL.

ENROLLMENT.

Your Committee on Enrollment respectfully submit the following report:

No. visitors from abroad	68
No. of delegates	45
No. of churches represented	22
Average attendance at day sessions	150

MRS. MARY E. HERROLD,
MRS. SARAH A. SEARLE,
MRS. EMMA S. ALLEN.

BLANKS.

Your committee to prepare a blank voucher for Auxiliary Treasurers to fill out and give to Pastors for use at Conference, respectfully submit the following:

This certifies that———Methodist Episcopal Church of ———station has raised $———for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the Conference year ending———, 189–.

(Signed)———, Auxiliary Treasurer.

Read "Things to be Remembered."

APPROPRIATIONS.

NORTH INDIA.

Miss Lillian Marks	$1000 00
Bhabar Bible Readers	72 00
Pauri Orphans	200 00
Pauri Matron	40 00
Pithorgarh Girls' Home	175 00
Budaon Girls' School	150 00
Bareilly Orphans	50 00
Gondah School Girls	130 00
~~Building School House~~	~~100 00~~
Lucknow Inspectress of Schools, Harriet Paul	48 00
Total	$1965 00

NORTHWEST INDIA.

Ajmere Bible City and Mohulla Work	$ 76 00
Conveyance	50 00
Mrs. DeSouzas, Itinerating	50 00
Sironager Bible Readers	24 00
Pashkar "	32 00
Kishangarh "	32 00
Nana, Dudu and Sali, 3 Bible Women	72 00
Nanna and Rupnagar, 2 "	36 00
Bible Readers and Village Teachers	68 00
Miss Lyons, Village Teacher	50 00
Cawnpore Scholarships	70 00
Total	$ 560 00

BOMBAY.

Kampt School Work	$ 300 00
Mrs. Johns' Salary	220 00
Bible Woman and Training School	80 00
Pundit	60 00
Conveyance	80 00
Total	$ 740 00

SOUTH INDIA.

Madras Orphans	$ 100 00
Bengalore Bible Woman	32 00
Total	$ 132 00

BENGAL.

Calcutta Boarding School	$ 84 00
Pakur Orphanage	275 00
Rangoon Schools	300 00
Rangoon Orphans	90 00
Burmese School	50 00
Total	$ 799 00

KOREA.

Seaoul	$ 96 00

JAPAN.

Nagoya Bible Woman	$ 60 00
Nagasaki	80 00
Tracts and Papers	20 00
Total	$ 160 00

NORTH CHINA.

Peking Boarding School	$ 60 00
Hing Hua "	90 00
Teuan Hua "	30 00
Total	$ 180 00

SUMMARY.

North India	$1965 00
Northwest India	560 00
Bombay	740 00
South India	132 00
Bengal	799 00
Korea	96 00
Japan	160 00
North China	180 00
Contingent	368 00
Total	$5000 00

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

That your Branch report at hand will save you time and trouble, *if you use it.*

For postoffice addresses of Branch officers and chairmen of standing committees, see first pages of this book.

Send Miss Davis the cash with your order for photographs.

No charge for mite boxes.

For suggestions on getting up programs for literary entertainments, socials, teas, etc., and for literature for the same, send to Mrs. E. W. Caswell, University, Cal.

For Life Membership Certificates, send your full name and address, with twenty cents for postage, to Mrs. D. C. Cook, 2530 Figueroa street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Auxiliary Treasurers—Please note the time for remitting quarterly reports, and make the Branch Treasurer happy by being prompt. See By-Law five.

Please send your Branch Contingent money early in the year, as our printing bills and other necessary expenses always come in the first quarter. Five cents from each would net us $116.20. See Article XIV, Branch By-Laws.

When an Auxiliary election occurs the first duty of the corresponding secretary and treasurer is to report themselves, with full address, to the secretary of their Conference, and to district secretary, whose names will be found in the list of officers, page 2.

☞*Endeavor to raise at least two-thirds of your yearly pledge during the first half of the year.*

Read notices at the head of the Home Department of the *Heathen Woman's Friend.*

Application for special work, such as orphan, scholar or Bible woman, *must* be made to the Branch Corresponding Secretary, *never* to a missionary.

Any woman desiring to take work under the W. F. M. S. should always make application to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which she resides.

Money raised for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society *cannot be used for any other purpose and must be sent to the treasurer of the Branch.*

All mailable packages may be sent by mail to any country included in the Universal Postal Union, at the rates charged from one point to another in the United States. This includes all our mission stations. Printed matter, cards, etc., eight cents per pound.

That while all money raised by Auxiliaries, *except membership dues*, may be used to make Life Members, a Life Membership does not entitle the holder to membership in the local Auxiliary. That is dependent on the payment of two cents a week ($1 a year) and a prayer.

When money is paid on Life Membership be *sure* that every payment is reported to the Branch Treasurer, together with the *name*, observing *always* to write the name the *same* way.

The name of orphan, scholarship Bible-reader, or missionary supported should also be reported, with money sent for either purpose.

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Read "Things to be Remembered."

OUR BELOVED DEAD.

MRS. J. P. EARLY, our first Branch President, passed suddenly to her heavenly home, February 23, 1893, aged 65 years. "I go to life, and not to death," was her parting message.

MRS. CLARA NEWELL BROWN, wife of Rev. J. F. Brown, passed through the gates of eternal day January 23, 1893. "By patient continuance in well-doing" she has *found* glory, honor, immortality and eternal life.

MRS. SUSAN WRIGHT, of Rialto, went in marvelous triumph through the celestial gates, October 2, 1893.

MRS. KATE E. WRIGHT, wife of Dr. Wright, of San Jose, died in great peace, October 27, 1893.

"They rest from their labors;
Their works do follow them."

APPENDIX.

Constitution of the W. F. M. S.,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

BY-LAWS OF PACIFIC BRANCH,

CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, AUXILIARIES, YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES, AND CHILDREN'S BANDS; HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARIES, ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, FORMS FOR WILLS, REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES, ETC.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article I.—Name.

This Association shall be called The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article II.—Purpose.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

Article III.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

Article IV.—Organization.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

Article V.—General Executive Committee.

Section 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two Delegates from each Branch, which Delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual meetings; said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

Sec. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

First—To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corre-

sponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise means for carrying on the work of the Society, fixing the amount to be raised, employing missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

Second—To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the Society.

Third—To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for distributing the territory of the church:

DISTRICT.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota and Dakota	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida	Atlanta.
XII.	California, Arizona, and Nevada	Los Angeles.
XIII.	Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon	Portland.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an

Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch, and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present at the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of accounts, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible women and teachers who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws, regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to the mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conference or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent, or Presiding Elder, having the same relation to the work and the person in charge, that he would have were it in charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday Schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday Schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the Annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4, of this Article, shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in women's meetings, convened in the interests of their societies, nor from securing Memberships, Life Memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interest of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS

OF THE PACIFIC BRANCH WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article I.

This Association shall be called The Pacific Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article II.

The Annual Meeting shall be a delegated body composed of the Branch Executive Committee and two delegates from each Auxiliary, who shall present proper credentials to the Enrolling Committee. Each member of an Auxiliary in good and regular standing is invited to a seat, but is not entitled to a vote in the Annual Meeting.

Article III.

There shall be a Secretary for each Conference, whose duties shall be: To supervise the entire work within the bounds of the Conference, such as the organization of Auxiliaries (employing helpers if necessary); making provision for holding Conference Anniversaries, and making report to and working in harmony with the Branch. She shall report, quarterly, to the Executive Committee through the Branch Corresponding Secretary, on or before the first day of January, April and July, and annually by the first of October.

Article IV.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch may have an assistant, elected at the Annual meeting upon her nomination.

Article V.

The Assistant Corresponding Secretary and the Conference Secretaries shall be Vice-Presidents of the Branch with two or more Vice-Presidents from each Conference.

Article VI.

Branch Corresponding Secretaries of Young Woman's and Juvenile Societies shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Branch. Their duties shall be to organize such Auxiliaries and to generally supervise this work thoughout

the Branch, and where Young Woman's or Juvenile organizations exist to report the work and condition of the same quarterly to the District Secretaries.

ARTICLE VII

With the concurrence and aid of the Presiding Elders and Pastors, District Associations shall be formed whenever practicable. The Corresponding Secretary for each District shall be *ex-officio* delegate to the Branch Meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Delegates and Reserves to the General Executive Committee Meeting, shall be nominated by an informal ballot. The two women receiving the highest number of votes shall be recognized as candidates to be elected by ballot. Conference Secretaries, District Secretaries and Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by their respective Conference representatives; or, in the absence of these, by the Branch Corresponding Secretary. These officers shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

A vacancy among the General Officers, or Conference and District Corresponding Secretaries, shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Branch.

ARTICLE X.

It shall be the duty of the Branch Recording Secretary to keep a roll of the officers and managers, and members of the several standing committes and to furnish the same for publication in the Annual Report. She shall furnish to the *California Christian Advocate*, the *Southern California Christian Advocate* and other church papers published within the bounds of the Branch, reports of the proceedings of each Quarterly and Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

The Branch Treasurer shall send quarterly to each Conference Secretary in the Branch an itemized account of the receipts from the Auxiliaries in her Conference, and shall also send itemized reports of all her receipts quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretary, and for publication in the *Heathen Woman's Friend.*

ARTICLE XII.

The place of holding the Annual Meeting shall be fixed by a majority vote of the previous Annual Meeting; and the time of the Annual Meeting determined at the third Quarterly Meeting of the Branch.

ARTICLE XIII.

Quarterly Meetings of the Branch shall be held on the second Wed-

nesday of January, April and July. The Branch Executive Committee shall meet the day before the Branch Annual and Quarterly Meetings.

ARTICLE XIV.

A Branch Contingent Fund averaging five cents per member shall be raised in every adult Auxiliary; the proceeds from the sale of Reports shall accrue to this fund. The traveling expenses, postage and stationery of the Branch President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Secretaries and their helpers, shall be paid from this Contingent Fund when not met by collections.

ARTICLE XV.

Traveling expenses from their homes to the Branch Annual Meeting and return may be paid from the Branch Treasury to the Branch President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Secretaries; also those of the Corresponding Secretary and Delegates to the General Executive Meeting from their homes to the place of meeting and return.

ARTICLE XVI.

There shall be Standing Committees as follows:

On Appropriation—The Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Secretaries.

On Publication—The Recording Secretary and two others to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Missionary Candidates—The President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two others, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Medical Education—A committee of three, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Mite Boxes—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Photographs—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Branch Annual Meeting—The President, Recording Secretary and one resident at the place of meeting.

On Missionary Literature and Supplies—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the ——— Woman's Foreign Missionary Association for ——— District ——— Conference ———.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to unite the Auxiliaries of the District in an earnest effort for the promotion of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

ART. 3. All members of Auxiliary Societies in the District shall be considered members of this Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, except the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected at the first meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

ART. 5. The meetings of the Association may be held semi-annually, in the fall and spring of each year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended at any annual meeting of the Branch by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association, and have a general supervision of the work in the District.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presinent to preside in the absence of the President, and to aid her in the work of the District.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association, to organize Auxiliaries whenever practicable, reporting them at once to the Conference Secretary, and to have general oversight of those already organized, giving them all possible aid in keeping up their interest in the work; also to arrange for Conventions, and to report quarterly, viz.: On the 20th of December, March, June and September, to her Conference Secretary, what she has done and the condition of the District work.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the meetings of the Association, and to give public notice of all meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold in trust the funds of the District Association, keeping a book account, and pay out money only on order of the President.

5. Each Auxiliary will be entitled to five Delegates. All members of Auxiliaries present shall be entitled to vote on all questions except the election of officers.

7. A District Contingent Fund averaging five cents per member shall be raised annually in each adult Auxiliary and sent to the District Treasurer for the expenses of District work.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Auxiliaries are expected to labor in harmony with and under the direction of the Branch.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the Pacific Branch of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid its Branch in interesting Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society; and any one contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a Life Member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who, together, shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The anniversary meeting shall be held at the first regular meeting after the opening of the Conference year, when annual reports shall be given by the Treasurer and Secretaries. The election of officers shall take place at this meeting.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended at any annual meeting of the Branch by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and supervise its general interest.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to solicit subscribers for the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and to order papers from (Miss Pauline J. Walden) 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass. Not later than the 15th of December, March, June and September, she shall report to the Secretary of her District the number of members, subscribers for the paper, the amount sent the Branch Treasurer for the quarter, and other items showing the state of the Society.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account of the same, and not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September, remit to the Branch Treasurer (Mrs. D. C. Cook, 2530 Figue-

roa street, Los Angeles) the quarterly dues and all other money collected for the Branch Treasury; she is advised to remit this money in even dollars, save that which belongs to the Branch Contingent fund. She shall remit for this fund, on or before the 10th day of June, a sum equal to five cents per member and whatever has been received from the sale of the the Annual Reports. It shall also be her duty to promptly furnish the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary with an itemized report of the money remitted, to be by her included in her quarterly report to the District Secretary. She shall remit five cents per member to the District Treasurer before the second semi-annual District meeting. She shall furnish the pastor, before he goes to Conference, with a voucher certifying the total amount collected during the year.

6. There shall be a Mite Box Committee of one person, who shall endeavor to introduce a mite box into every Methodist family, to keep a list of persons taking them, and look after the collection of the money gathered in them.

7. At least once a year, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses be given and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal as well as earnestness in special work of the Society.

8. There should be a committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings. This committee to be appointed annually or semi-annually.

9. If any office becomes vacant by death, resignation or removal, it must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Each member shall try to induce others to become members; and each shall do what she can to add to the general interest; remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, mission schools, orphans and missionaries.

11. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be read once a quarter in each Auxiliary.

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG WOMAN'S SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Young Woman's Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the Pacific Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be, primarily, to develop a missionary spirit, and, secondarily, to raise money to aid the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

ART. 3. Any young person may become a member of this Society by the payment of not less than sixty cents annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or

more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 5. Meetings for business and the communication of missionary intelligence shall be the ——— of each month. The anniversary meeting shall be held at the close of the Conference year. At this meeting the Secretaries and Treasurer shall present annual reports. The election of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall have general supervision of the Society and preside at its meetings.

2. The Vice-President shall assist in the management of the Society and preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Recording Secretary shall furnish the pastor of the church with a written notice of each meeting of the Society, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of every meeting.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly report the organization to the Secretary of Young Woman's Work; fill the blanks for quarterly reports and return the same to the Branch Secretary of Young Woman's Work not later than the 15th of December, March June and September.

5. The Treasurer shall collect the membership fees; keep a book account of receipts and payments; present a written report to each monthly meeting; and send all the money collected, except the Contingent Fund, to the Branch Treasurer not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September. It shall also be her duty to promptly furnish the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary with an itemized statement of the money remitted (to be by her included in her semi-annual report to the District Secretary). She shall also furnish the pastor, before he goes to conference, with a voucher certifying the full amount raised during Conference year.

6. The following standing committees may be either appointed by the president or elected by the Society.

A Literary Committee of two or more members, to furnish missionary intelligence, in connection with the uniform readings.

An Agent for the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, unless the Corresponding Secretary can add this to her other duties.

A Mite Box Committee shall keep a record of the names and residences of all to whom mite boxes are distributed and see that returns are made once a year.

7. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended whenever the officers of the Society, together with the Branch Secretary of Young Woman's Work and the Branch Corresponding Secretary, shall so determine.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN'S BANDS.

ARTICLE 1. This Band shall be called ——— (each local Band may choose any name desired, as Willing Workers, Little Gleaners, etc.) of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be under the supervision of the Auxiliary in said Church, if such Auxiliary exists, otherwise under the special supervision of the Branch Secretary of Juvenile Work.

ART. 2. The object of this Band shall be to promote missionary intelligence and interest among the children, and to secure their aid in sending the gospel to the children in heathen lands.

ART. 3. Any young person may become a member of this Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually.

ART. 4. The Band shall be in charge of a Superintendent, elected by the Auxiliary of the Church, or, in case there is no Auxiliary, to be appointed by the Branch Secretary of Juvenile Work.

ART, 5. The Juvenile officers shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secrtary and Treasurer, to be elected by the Band and approved by the Superintendent and by the Auxiliary, or by the Superintendent and Branch Secretary of Juvenile Work.

ART. 6. Meetings of the Band for business, and for the communication of missionary intelligence, shall be held on ——— day of each month, when the reports of Secretaries and Treasurer shall be read. The election of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Band.

2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and see that proper notice is given of the regular meetings of the Band.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall fill the blank for the quarterly reports and send the same to the Branch Secretary of the Juvenile Work not later than the 15th of December, March, June and September.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised by the Band, and keep a book account of all receipts and payments, and not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September, shall send all money on hand, except the Contingent Fund, to the Branch Treasurer, who shall furnish a receipt for the same.

6. Program for monthly meeting:

I. Devotional exercise.

II. Calling the roll.

III. Reading and approval of minutes.

IV. Report of Treasurer in writing.
V. Miscellaneous business.
VI. Literary program.
VII. Adjournment.

7. Each member of the Band shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what they can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, mission schools, orphans and missionaries.

8. This Constitution and accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended whenever the Superintendent of the Band, together with the Branch Secretary of Juvenile Work and the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall so determine.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARIES.

In advising those who will help us by organizing Auxiliary Societies we would make the following suggestions:

As pastors are responsible for the oversight of all Church work, this ought to be under their hands; therefore, appointments and preliminary arrangements should usually be made with them. Prepare to explain to them our purpose, plans, work and relations to the General Missionary Society, and you will hardly ever fail of hearty sympathy and co-operation.

After an address from the pastor, or yourself, urging the claims of this work, organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary *pro tem.* Let women pass through the aisles to take memberships (paper having been provided and marked and women selected beforehand).

As soon as may be have the Constitution and By-Laws read and adopted.

Call for a Nominating Committee, of which the pastor may usually be Chairman.

While this committee is consulting, send the women again through the aisles to take subscriptions for the *Friend.*

The adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee nominates the officers, who may then be elected, after which nothing remains to be done but to arrange for a further canvas for members and subscribers, by committees among the women of the congregation, and to plan the program of the monthly meeting. This may be a missionary tea, sociable, or prayer meeting, always with a reading circle where practicable. This may be better arranged at a subsequent meeting, where more time and thought can be given it.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary Society should collect the money for the *Friend*, and send it with the order for the papers to the agent, Miss Pauline J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Each Auxiliary Society should report as soon as organized to the Conference Secretary. The name of its Corresponding Secretary, the number of members, and the number of subscribers, should be given for publication in the *Friend*.

When the claims of this Society are brought fully and fairly before our ministers, they are ready to bid us God-speed, and give us all the aid in their power. Those who listen to our appeals are always ready to do what little we ask of them. Trusting God to give us access to their hearts, in this branch of missionary work, we can but succeed gloriously.

N. B.—The pastor should be notified every year, previous to the Conference, of the amount of money raised during the year, that he may report it at the Conference.

ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

I. Hymn.
II. Reading of Scriptures.
III. Several prayers for the missionaries in foreign fields, and the work at home, interspersed with singing.
IV. Reading minutes of previous meeting and roll-call.
V. Report of Treasurer in writing.
VI. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
VII. Payment of dues.
VIII. Reading of missionary intelligence.
IX. Reports from members of what they have done to advance the work during the past month by talking, reading or praying.
X. Unfinished business.
XI. New business.
XII. Adjournment, after prayer.

N. B. Go through the form though THREE ONLY be present. Keep to the form and the spirit will grow.

Never omit a regular meeting because the Secretary forgets to have it announced. The announcement is for the benefit of the public and inactive members.

Keep two distinct departments in the treasury:

First—Money PURELY foreign missionary, to be forwarded to the Branch Treasurer, to which all membership fees belong, and all moneys not otherwise directed.

Second—The incidental or home fund for furnishing officers' books, correspondence, etc. When money is to be collected for incidental expenses, have it understood by a former resolution.

Let the Treasurer never fail to report quarterly. Let her never fail

to have an ORDER for money paid out, signed by the Recording Secretary and President.

The fiscal year for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ends with September 30th. All money for the current year must be sent to the Branch Treasurer prior to that date in order to be credited with the year's remittances.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

The payment of $1 constitutes a member for one year.
The payment of $20 constitutes a Life Member.
The payment of $100 constitutes an Honorary Manager.
The payment of $300 constitutes a Life Patron.
The payment of $20 supports an orphan for one year in India.
The payment of $40 supports an orphan for one year in Mexico.
The payment of $25 supports a scholarship in China.
The payment of $40 supports a scholarship in Japan.
The payment of $18 supports a scholarship in India.
The payment of $60 supports a Bible reader in India.
The payment of $36 supports a Bible reader in China.

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, ... dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors thereof.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society), and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with power to sign release to executors through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions to be filled and answered by her; and when practicable a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee, before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

"I, —— ——, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions, while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of the committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee, at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work:

First. Health, attested by properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Convictions and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptibility to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greater efficiency in Christian work.

FORM OF CERTIFCATE OF HEALTH.

The following questions have been prepared in order to elicit more particular information regarding the health and probable power of endurance of missionary candidates, than has heretofore been afforded by the ordinary medical certificate.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN.

Name.

Age. Height. Weight.

PRESENT HEALTH.

- Chest Measurement.
  - (*a*) At complete expiration.
  - (*b*) At complete inspiration.
- Temperament.
- Appearance.
  - (*a*) As to general health.
  - (*b*) Probable capability of enduring fatigue.
  - (*c*) Capability of enduring climatic influence.

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